

Main Street Reisterstown Program

Minutes

Location/Date: Reter's Crabhouse, Reisterstown - July 15, 2013

Attendees: Amy Mantay, Glenn Barnes, Mary Molinaro, Brad Reter, Shirley Smith, Ernie Schmidhauser, Jennifer Cook, Tony Baysmore, Jonathan Schwartz, Glenn Barnes, Paul Davolos, Calvin Reter, Irwin Kramer, Kathy Gambrill, Stephanie Boston, Karen Saab, Pat Brooks, Karen Fitchett, Bob Frank

Amy started the meeting with Jennifer giving an update on her business' activities since she had to leave early.

Jennifer reported that this Saturday (20th) from 1pm – 3pm Jameel McClain, who is a Ravens player from the Super Bowl team, will be at her business (Fullstride Wellness) to sign autographs at \$35 each. She will also be donating 10% to the Boys and Girls Club for purchases that day. Also there will be an opportunity to enter into a drawing to win a football autographed by Jameel. This coming Friday night (19th) will be a "Ladies Evening Out" – there is no cover charge and free champagne as you enter. There are also massages, makeup and jewelry and it benefits the American Breast Cancer Foundation. August 24th will be the 5K Run at Oregon Ridge and sponsorship opportunities are still available. This event is a fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation. On September 8th at Greystone will be a golf tournament to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation.

Amy continued the meeting with the committees' reports:

Mary said that the **organization committee** has not had a recent meeting. She turned in an updated document to Amy outlining the efforts the committee has completed this year regarding "Main Street MD Organization Committee Goals (Roles and First Year-Activities)." The topics include Purpose, Internal Tasks and External Tasks.

Paul said the **economic restructuring committee** decided to create a trifold rather than the booklet of handouts. The county will print 200 copies they can start distributing as they visit property owners and business owners. Amy said the document is in the hands of Andrea for final review and she hopes to have printed copies by the end of the week.

Amy said that the **promotion committee** will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. They are going to focus on Fall activities, analysis of the "Buy Local" program to see if they should do it again, develop Holiday thoughts and work with the Cemetery Committee for a possible "ghost walk," decorating and trick or treating along Main Street. She was told to contact BARC and see if they will be having their "Haunted Woods" fundraising event again. Kathy mentioned a walking history tour of Main Street would go well with the ghost tours. She has been posting and sharing on Facebook to advertise Main Street. Mary passed around copies of page 9 from the Chartley Chatter which had three articles about Music on Main Street, Clean Up Day, and Farmers Markets on Main Street in their July issue.

Irwin said that the **design committee** said there's nothing new to report, they are waiting for the MD report. Amy said that Terry said he will be out the last week of July or first week of August to do the walk along Main Street and asked for anyone who was interested in participating to let her know. Karen Fitchett reminded her to keep Carol from Landmark in the loop as she wants to participate. Irwin said there are two facets to watch. One is dealing with the county process to get backing of transportation funds and the second is to keep on top of SHA involvement for Main Street.

Dan had to leave but Amy said the **clean, safe, and green committee** met this morning and the next clean up day will be August 3rd.

Amy continued the meeting giving updates she has since our last meeting. She said she received an email Friday that is encouraging about the TA program at the state level. When we were too late for the deadline last spring she thought they were stopping the program. Now, there may be available funding. She is still trying to get the report regarding speed, safety at crosswalks and other enhancements. She expects that report to wrap up today or tomorrow. She was told by the MTA that they manage shelters but not other bus stops. They hope the community will manage those. I reminded her that the one by the high school is a shelter and that is the worst. While the discussion centered on removing the newspaper/notices boxes, Mary didn't think the boxes with newspapers was the biggest concern. But, rather just picking up dropped trash when the trash cans are emptied would improve the situation. Karen Saab asked about having someone adopt the bus stop or having the school do the clean up but Mary said that avenue has been pursued in the past and was not a viable solution. Amy heard about maintenance of the streetscape which was done 25 years ago. The state did the work and then turned it over to be the county to maintain. She is still talking with Andrea about the work that can be done before we need to take on the project as a community. Last Friday in the rainstorm she and 3 others walked along Main Street taking pictures and noting each issue. They will map the areas and discuss what steps can be taken at the county level and report back to us.

Kathy gave an update on Music on Main Street and said it has been quite a success with 200+ people the first night, 300+ people at the 2nd concert, and 400+ people at the 3rd concert. It has been quite a success and encouraged everyone at the meeting to be sure and come to enjoy. She said we now have 8 food vendors. We passed around a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to help answer questions and pass out literature at the booth.

Ernie handed out a flyer for the National Night Out celebration, Tuesday, August 6th which will be held in the lower section of the Chartley Shopping Center from 6:30 – 8:30pm. It is a combined effort of police and community and a lot of the tables provide information to everyone about health and safety. There will be free Chicken Nuggets and drink for the first 300 people who sign in at the information table.

Summer events

Clean-ups –August 3rd , 9am – 11am.

Meet at Reter's Crabhouse

The Gathering – Pending

Music on Main Street –June 21st – August 23rd 7- 9:30pm

Lawn at Franklin Middle School

Farmers Market –Sundays, June 2nd to October 6th 10am-2pm

358-360 Main Street .

Calendar of Events/Promotions

Need July events

Merchant outreach

Promotions Committee

Buy Local Campaign

Facebook/website (on-going)

Over 400 friends view our Facebook posts!

The next meeting will be held at Reter's Crabhouse, Monday, July 29 , 2013 at 10am.